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For: DAMPER MECHANISM AND :
DAMPER DISK ASSEMBLY :
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
WITH PETITION FOR ACCEPTANCE THEREOF**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In accordance with MPEP 609 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant brings the references listed on the attached PTO-1449-Form to the Examiner's attention and requests that they be considered and made of record in this application. Copies of the non-U.S. patents are attached.

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Moreover, Applicant hereby petitions that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered into the above-identified application and considered by the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application. Enclosed is a check for \$180.00 to cover the petition fee of 37 CFR § 1.17(p).

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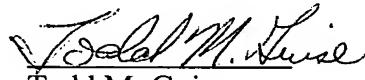
office in any counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement. A copy of the German Office Action of the corresponding German Application No. DE102004012195.8-27 and translation thereof are attached hereto.

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German Patent Publication No. DE-4026765 is believed to be equivalent to GB Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2247299, a copy of which is provided as a translation.

Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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